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Entitled: MESSAGE-BASED GLOBAL DISTRIBUTED LOCKS WITH AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION

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54 pages of written description, claims and abstract

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